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Multiple highways closed or one lane in northeast Kentucky as road crews responding to storm damage

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – At this hour, Transportation Cabinet highway crews in northeast Kentucky are working alongside local emergency responders to clear roadways after high winds and damaging storms swept through the region.

Initial reports by crews in Greenup and Boyd counties indicate multiple state highways – including US 23 – are either closed or restricted to one lane in several locations due to downed trees and power lines. Also, traffic signal technicians are responding to multiple signals down across the area.

Impacted roads include KY 168, KY 3294, US 23, US 60 and others in Boyd County; and KY 2, KY 503 and KY 750 in Greenup County. Near Russell, US 23 is closed in both directions, and could remain closed for several hours or possibly overnight due to multiple utility poles down. All US 23 traffic is being detoured through Flatwoods via KY 207 and KY 693 (Diedrich Boulevard), but motorists are cautioned to remain watchful for debris on those routes.

Crews will continue to work with loaders, saws and dump trucks to clear highways. Motorists are encouraged to stay off roads if possible tonight. If travel is necessary, take it slow, watch for debris and keep vehicles away from power lines or leaning trees.

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